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Section 9-11-44

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"(a) Any person who is age 16 or older, but who has not reached age 65, who has resided in Alabama continuously for a period of not less than 90 days next preceding, and who is not serving as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States of America during any period of time in which the United States of America is in a state of war, as declared by an act of Congress, shall procure an annual state hunting license before the person is entitled to hunt in this state by filing an application with the person in any county of the state duly authorized to issue the license, stating his or her name, age, place of residence, post office address, and after paying to the person issuing the license a license fee of fifteen dollars (\$15). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a member of the United States military stationed in Alabama on active duty shall be deemed to be an Alabama resident for the purposes of procuring this license. The person may procure a county hunting license by filing an application with the person in the county in which he or she permanently resides, duly authorized to issue the license, stating as provided above, and after paying to the person issuing same a license fee of seven dollars fifty cents (\$7.50).

"(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, any resident 64 years of age procuring a state or county resident hunting license pursuant to this section shall be issued the license on a lifetime basis. License fees from the sale of a lifetime license pursuant to this subsection to a resident age 64 shall be deposited to the credit of the Alabama Game and Fish Endowment Fund within the Game and Fish Fund.

"(c) All persons making application for an annual state hunting license as provided in this section shall present a driver license or in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence. All licenses required by this section shall bear the driver license number of the licensee, except in the case of nondrivers, and all licenses shall bear proof of residence as required by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"Every person who obtains an annual state hunting license without presenting a driver license or in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent residence, or who provides any false information in the process of procuring the license, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twice the amount of the required license.

"(d) The licenses required by this section shall not apply to any person or member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands owned by him, nor shall it include any tenant or member of his or her immediate family who hunts on lands leased or rented by the tenant and who resides on the lands.

"(e) All persons under the age of 16 shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring the licenses. Any resident of this state over 65 years of age shall be exempted from the requirement of procuring a hunting license as provided for in this section, provided that the resident has on

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his or her person while hunting, proof of age, or, in the case of nondrivers, proof of permanent Alabama residence and age."

Section 9-11-44.1

Persons 16 years of age or older required to present certification of completion of approved Hunter Education course prior to obtaining hunting license; penalty.

"(a) It shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, and of 16 years of age or older, or his agent, to procure any annual or trip hunting license provided for in this section unless the person has been issued and exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchasing any annual or trip hunting license, a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The person shall only be required to exhibit the certification at the time of purchase of his or her initial license. The exhibition of the certification shall not be required at the time of purchase of subsequent licenses if the person exhibits to the issuing agent at the time of purchase a license which was issued by this state to him or her in a previous year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, active duty U.S. military personnel, Alabama residents who are active members of the National Guard of the United States, and persons certified by the Alabama Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission as law enforcement officers who are employed by a law enforcement agency, as the terms are defined in Section 36-21-40, upon submission of proof of that status, shall be exempt from this requirement. The Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation for the specific proof requirements.

"(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person authorized to issue hunting licenses in this state to issue any annual or trip hunting license provided for in this section to any person born on or after August 1, 1977, or his or her agent, unless that license agent shall have been provided with a certification of satisfactory completion by the person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or a license issued by the state to the person in a previous year.

"(c) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a), it shall be unlawful for any person born on or after August 1, 1977, of 16 years of age or older to hunt in the State of Alabama pursuant to any Alabama lifetime hunting or Alabama lifetime hunting and fishing license, without the person first obtaining a certification of satisfactory completion by said person of a hunter education course approved by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"(d) It shall be unlawful for any person or his or her agent to wrongfully or fraudulently obtain said certification.

"(e) The Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources may provide by regulation the procedure whereby the department may revoke or cancel any hunting license

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and/or hunter education certification upon determination that the holder thereof was not entitled to issuance or obtained the license or certification by any fraudulent means. Upon revocation or cancellation, the holder thereof shall surrender the license and/or certification to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"(f) The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries, shall prescribe a course of instruction in competency and safety in hunting and in the handling of weapons. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries shall also prescribe procedures whereby competent residents of this state shall be certified as hunter education instructors. The Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries may approve hunter education courses from other jurisdictions.

"(g) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a Class B misdemeanor."

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources **Regulation 220-2-.06**

Game Animals Designated

The following animals are hereby designated as game animals: Bear, Beaver, Coyote, Deer, Opossum, Rabbit, Raccoon, Squirrel, Nutria, Fox, Mountain Lion (Cougar), Groundhog, Bobcat, Red Wolf, Feral Swine (Wild Hog), except those feral swine reduced to the personal possession of a landowner or his agent, provided, however, that notwithstanding such reduction to personal possession, in the event such feral swine are hunted, they shall at such time of hunting be designated as game animals.

Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources **Regulation 220-2-.85**

Hunter Orange Requirement for Hunting and Definition of Open Permit-Public Land

(1) All persons hunting any wildlife species (except waterfowl, turkey, and mourning dove and while hunting legally designated species during legal nighttime hours) during dates and in areas open by regulation to gun deer season are required to wear an outer garment above the waist with a minimum of 144 square inches of hunter orange or either a full size hunter orange hat or cap. Hunters are not required to wear hunter orange when hunting from a stand elevated twelve (12) feet or more from the ground, when hunting in an enclosed box stand, when traveling in an enclosed vehicle, or when traveling on foot no more than twenty feet directly between an operating enclosed vehicle and a stand where the hunter is exempt from the hunter orange requirement. The hunter orange must be worn when traveling on foot between an operating enclosed vehicle and exempt stand when the distance is more than a direct distance of twenty feet. A small logo and/or printing is permitted on the front of hunter orange caps; otherwise, hunter orange must be of solid color and visible from any angle. Only hunter

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orange, commonly called blaze orange, ten mile cloth, etc., is legal. The various shades of red as well as camo orange are not legal.

(2) “Open Permit-Public Land” is defined as governmentally owned land open for public hunting and/or lands made available to the public on an individual basis whether for a fee or not. Examples of such lands would be national forest lands, lands owned by lumber companies and utility companies available for use by hunters either through free permits, fee permits or no permit requirement.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION



Application for Resident Hunting License

(INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED)

Name: _____

Social Security #: _____ - _____ - _____ Drivers License # _____

Date of Birth: _____ email: _____

Sex: _____ Height: _____ Weight: _____ Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

Address: _____

County: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home (_____) _____ - _____ Work (_____) _____ - _____

Check Type License Needed

Annual State	\$ 16.00	[]	
Annual County	\$ 8.50	[]	
Combo Hunt & Freshwater Fish	\$ 24.50	[]	
Sportsman's License	\$ 59.50	[]	
*Management Area License	\$ 16.00	[]	
Alabama State Duck Stamp	\$ 6.00	[]	Electronically Issued – Limit ONE
Harvest Information Program	\$ 0.00	[]	Valid for MIGATORY BIRD ONLY
Number bagged last season: _____ Dove _____ Woodcock _____ Ducks			
_____ Geese _____ Rails/Gallinules _____ Coot/Snipe			

Issuance Fee Included in Price

License valid from August 1 through July 31 Annually

**This license, in addition to appropriate hunting license and Management Area Permit (free) are required for hunting on WMA's. List any WMA Permit(s) needed: _____*

Submit: (1) **completed application**, (2) **check or money order**, and (3) **drivers license copy** to:
Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License
Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests:
64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or joanne.stjohn@dcnr.alabama.gov

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

License Number: _____ Issued by: _____

Amount Received: _____ Date Issued: _____

DCNR IS NOW REQUIRED BY SECTION 30-3-194(A) CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 TO COLLECT
SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.